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Custer County

Located in southeastern Montana, Custer County is Montana's 16th most populous with 11,696 residents, according to the 2000 Census.

Miles City, the county seat, is the state's 10th largest city with a population of 8,487. The city has been a major trade and services center for more than 100 years. Ranching and farming remain the foundation of the area's economy. Nicknamed the "Cowboy Capital of Montana," Miles City is host to the world famous Jaycee Bucking Horse Sale held annually in May.

According to the *Montana Almanac*, by authors Andrea Merrill and Judy Jacobson, the county was established in 1877 and named for Lt. Col. George A. Custer killed in the Battle of the Little Bighorn in 1876. The county was originally part of the old Big Horn County. The authors note Miles City takes it name from Civil War and Indian wars veteran Gen. Nelson A. Miles.

According to the U.S. Bureau of the Census, median income for Custer County households in 1997 was $29,451. The county is 3,793.4 square miles in area; 3,783.3 square miles in land area and 10.1 in inland water area.

County residents experience the four distinct seasons. According to the *Western Regional Climate Center*, the average daily low in Miles City in January between 1961 and 1990 was 4.5 degrees above zero. The average daily high in July was 90.1 degrees above. The annual precipitation during the same period was 13.83 inches. The growing season was from May 7 to Sept. 27 (last and first frost).

Custer County Population

Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

Area	2000 Census	1990 Census	1980 Census	% Change '90 to '00	% Change '80 to '90	% Change '80 to '00
Montana	902,195	799,065	786,690	12.9%	1.6%	14.7%
Custer County	11,696	11,697	13,109	0.0%	-10.8%	-10.8%
Ismay	26	19	31	36.8%	-38.7%	-16.1%
Miles City	8,487	8,461	9,602	0.3%	-11.9%	-11.6%

Census and Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, Helena, MT 59620, 406-444-2896.

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Annual Average Labor Force For Custer County

Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2000	6,153	5,887	266	4.3%
1999	6,114	5,843	271	4.4%
1998	6,235	5,930	305	4.9%
1997	5,981	5,705	276	4.6%
1996	5,972	5,693	279	4.7%
1995	5,922	5,649	273	4.6%
1994	6,274	6,041	233	3.7%
1993	6,117	5,798	319	5.2%
1992	6,042	5,715	327	5.4%
1991	5,853	5,534	319	5.5%
1990	5,937	5,643	294	5.0%
1989	6,028	5,731	297	4.9%
1988	6,417	6,121	296	4.6%
1987	6,667	6,296	371	5.6%
1986	6,755	6,329	426	6.3%
1985	6,767	6,394	373	5.5%
1984	6,872	6,503	369	5.4%
1983	6,581	6,174	407	6.2%
1982	6,256	5,870	386	6.2%
1981	6,166	5,866	300	4.9%
1980	6,210	5,971	239	3.8%
1979	5,974	5,773	201	3.4%
1978	5,961	5,672	289	4.8%
1977	5,603	5,323	280	5.0%
1976	5,400	5,204	196	3.6%
1975	5,439	5,212	227	4.2%
1974	5,266	5,081	185	3.5%
1973	4,901	4,713	188	3.8%
1972	4,835	4,628	207	4.3%
1971	4,754	4,570	184	3.9%
1970	4,837	4,684	153	3.2%

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau (2001 Benchmark).

Summary of Major Occupational Categories By Sex
1990 Census-Equal Employment Opportunity Data
Civilian Labor Force-All Persons

Occupation	Total	Male	Female
Total	5,657	3,034	2,623
Managerial and Professional Specialty Occupations	1,259	646	613
Executive, Administrative and Managerial Occupations	495	356	139
Professional Specialty Occupations	764	290	474
Technical, Sales and Administrative Support Occupations	1,487	479	1,008
Technicians and Related Support Occupations	139	68	71
Sales Occupations	609	330	279
Administrative Support Occupations, Including Clerical	739	81	658
Service Occupations	1,143	392	751
Private Household Occupations	30	5	25
Protective Service Occupations	122	97	25
Service Occupations, Except Protective and Household	991	290	701
Farming, Forestry, Fishing	628	535	93
Precision Production, Craft and Repair Occupations	441	407	34
Mechanics and Repairers	186	171	15
Construction Trade	179	171	8
Extractive Occupations	10	10	0
Precision Production Occupations	66	55	11
Operators, Fabricators and Laborers	662	563	99
Machine Operators, Assemblers and Inspectors	181	140	41
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	325	310	15
Handlers, Equipment Cleaners, Helpers and Laborers	156	113	43
Unemployed, No Recent Civilian Work Experience	37	12	25

Source U.S. Bureau of the Census, Equal Employment Opportunity File, (CD-ROM).

Resources

⇒ **Chamber of Commerce:**
Miles City Area Chamber, 315 Main St., Miles City, MT 59301, 406-232-2890

⇒ **Department of Labor and Industry**
Miles City Job Service Workforce Center
12 N. 10th St., Miles City, MT 59301, 406-232-8340,
http://jsd.dli.state.mt.us/local/milescity/

Montana Department of Labor & Industry's Research & Analysis Bureau Publications
For information on employment by industry, new businesses, labor market information, profile of the Montana worker, job projections and hourly pay by occupation, contact the office at any of the numbers listed on the front of this publication or check out our Internet website at **http://rad.dli.state.mt.us/**.

⇒ **Housing Costs:**
Check the Yellow Pages in the local phone directory for the *Real Estate* listings.

⇒ **Internet:**
Montana Workforce Services home page for job listings at **http://jsd.dli.state.mt.us/**.
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⇒ **Montana Motor Vehicle Division:**
Drivers' Licensing
Miles City–Courthouse, 406-232-2821

⇒ **Newspapers:**
Miles City Star, P. O. Box 1216, Miles City, MT 59301-1216, 406-232-0450,
http://www.milescitystar.com/

⇒ **Public Libraries:**
Miles City Public Library, 1 S. 10th St., Miles City, MT 59301-3398,
406-232-1496

⇒ **Postsecondary Education Institutions:**
Community Colleges
Miles City Community College, 2715 Dickinson St., Miles City, MT 59301,
800-541-9281, **http://www.mcc.cc.mt.us**

⇒ **Superintendent of Schools, Kindergarten through 12th Grade:**
Cottonwood Elementary, HC 80 Box 18, Ismay, MT 59336, 406-772-5722
Kinsey Elementary, HC 46 Box 7801, Miles City, MT 59301, 406-232-0535
Kircher Elementary, Route 1 Box 2352, Miles City, MT 59301, 406-232-2761
Miles City Public Schools, 1604 Main St., Miles City, MT 59301, 406-232-3840
Moon Creek Elementary, Box 1262, Miles City, MT 59301, 406-232-4903
S H Elementary, 315 S. Center, Miles City, MT 59301, 406-232-3395
S Y Elementary, HC 40 Box 6592, Miles City, MT 59301, 406-554-3587
Spring Creek Elementary, HC 80 Box 18, Ismay, MT 59336, 406-772-5722
Trail Creek Elementary, HC 80 Box 18, Ismay, MT 59336-9701, 406-772-5722
Twin Buttes Elementary, HC 32 Box 4916, Miles City, MT 59301, 406-354-7271

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Custer County Employment By Industry*
Annual Averages 2000

Industry	# of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Paid
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	473	4,766	$103,396,947
PRIVATE BUSINESS	431	3,851	$69,119,827
AGRI, FORESTRY, FISH	18	137	$2,432,919
Agriculture Production/Crop	3	24	$626,193
Agriculture Production/Livestock	11	96	$1,526,892
Agriculture Services	4	15	$279,834
CONSTRUCTION	46	168	$5,084,327
General Building	13	14	$218,765
Heavy Construction	7	72	$3,053,981
Special Trade	26	82	$1,811,581
MANUFACTURING	14	173	$3,424,967
Food Products	6	41	$775,859
Printing/Publishing	28	216	$6,084,444
TRANS., COMMUN., UTILITIES	13	70	$1,607,375
Trucking-Warehousing	3	11	$316,370
Air Transportation	4	34	$1,204,824
Communication	26	156	$3,297,091
Elec., Gas, Sanitation	11	59	$1,270,787
WHOLESALE TRADE	15	97	$2,026,304
Durable Goods	102	1,249	$16,048,170
Nondurable Goods	6	64	$1,370,635
RETAIL TRADE	3	228	$2,704,555
Bldg Materials-Garden	6	150	$2,188,586
General Merchandise	18	178	$3,510,352
Food Stores	6	24	$250,305
Auto Dealers-Service Stations	8	29	$443,133
Apparel & Accessories	36	463	$4,037,413
Furniture Stores	8	29	$443,133
Eating & Drinking	36	463	$4,037,413
Miscellaneous Retail	18	111	$1,543,191
FINANCE, INSURANCE, REAL ESTATE	40	250	$8,742,787
Banking	6	148	$4,577,925
Security and Commodity Brokers & Services	5	5	$227,454
Insurance Carriers	4	15	$388,100
Insurance Agents	11	36	$780,522
Real Estate	10	34	$398,454
SERVICES	152	1,297	$25,983,135
Hotels & Lodging	10	133	$1,119,789
Personal Services	11	40	$501,773
Business Services	8	22	$226,447
Auto Repair Services	13	48	$892,150
Miscellaneous Repair Services	4	16	$409,229
Amusement & Recreation	10	81	$1,169,584
Health Services	32	567	$15,969,259
Legal Services	11	39	$733,513
Educational Services	3	30	$493,437
Social Services	11	183	$2,560,980
Membership Organizations	10	44	$388,882
Engineering Services	11	42	$1,160,049
Private Households	11	24	$223,939
GOVERNMENT	42	1,114	$34,277,120
State	12	301	$9,592,664
Local	14	546	$13,309,530
Federal	16	266	$11,374,926

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Research and Analysis Bureau.
(Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.)
*Employment Covered by Unemployment Insurance

Per Capita Personal Income

	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993	1992	1991	1990	1980	1970
U.S.	$28,542	$27,322	$25,674	$24,651	$23,562	$22,581	$21,718	$21,082	$20,089	$19,584	$10,183	$4,095
Montana	$21,997	$21,307	$20,173	$19,383	$18,764	$18,129	$18,072	$17,114	$16,509	$15,524	$9,143	$3,625
% of National Average	77%	78%	78%	79%	80%	80%	83%	81%	82%	79%	90%	89%
Custer County	$20,869	$20,278	$19,750	$18,879	$18,790	$18,416	$18,730	$17,970	$16,982	$16,073	$10,584	$3,828
% of National Average	73%	74%	76%	77%	80%	82%	86%	85%	85%	82%	104%	93%

Source U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of Economic Analysis, Regional Economic Information System. Released May 2001

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Count of Persons by Age, Race and Sex

School Age	White Alone		Black Alone		American Indian & Alaska Native Alone		Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone		Some Other Race Alone		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
5-11	1,066	520	0	0	23	9	4	2	5	1	19	7	32	12
12-14	493	230	0	0	11	8	0	0	4	3	8	5	14	8
15-17	586	280	0	0	17	2	4	3	3	2	7	3	12	4
18-21	616	313	2	1	10	5	1	1	1	1	15	9	7	3
Total	2,761	1,343	2	1	61	24	9	6	13	7	49	24	65	27

Working & Voting Age	White Alone		Black Alone		American Indian & Alaska Native Alone		Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone		Some Other Race Alone		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
16+	8,947	4,650	7	3	101	50	31	16	30	22	73	46	117	63
16-64	6,973	3,534	6	2	97	47	25	14	23	17	66	43	100	53
18+	8,538	4,452	7	3	89	49	28	13	28	20	67	43	109	60
18-64	6,564	3,336	6	2	85	46	22	11	21	15	60	40	92	50

Other Age Group	White Alone		Black Alone		American Indian & Alaska Native Alone		Asian Alone & Native Hawaiian & Pacific Islander Alone		Some Other Race Alone		Two or More Races		Hispanic or Latino of any Race	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
0-4	664	302	4	2	9	5	0	0	0	0	12	8	10	3
5-17	2,145	1,030	0	0	51	19	8	5	12	6	34	15	58	24
18-44	3,852	1,979	6	2	56	28	11	5	12	10	43	28	59	31
45-64	2,712	1,357	0	0	29	18	11	6	9	5	17	12	33	19
65+	1,974	1,116	1	1	4	3	6	2	7	5	7	3	17	10
Total	11,347	5,784	11	5	149	73	36	18	40	26	113	66	177	87

Source U S Census Bureau, Census 2000 Summary File 1 (SF1) 100-Percent Data

Compiled by Census & Economic Information Center, Montana Department of Commerce, September 2001

Custer County

County of Residence	# Who Work in Custer County
Out of State	10
Custer County	5,014
Garfield County	14
Prairie County	35
Rosebud County	43
Stillwater County	10
Yellowstone County	18
Other Montana Counties	32

County of Work	# Who Live in Custer County
Out of State	44
Custer County	5,014
Dawson County	20
Fallon County	14
Gallatin County	14
Powder River County	17
Prairie County	16
Rosebud County	81
Yellowstone County	21
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Source 1990 Census Data provided by the U S Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics